

Economic Development and Enterprise

Meeting held on 5thth May 2015

In Council Chamber, City Hall

Members present:

Cllr. Paul McAuliffe (Chair), Cllr. Alison Gilliland, Cllr. Noeleen Reilly, Cllr. Kate O’Connell, Cllr. Tina McVeigh, Cllr. Gaye Fagan, Cllr. Deirdre Heney, John Lomard, Denise Brophy.

Non-members present: Cllr. Mannix Flynn

Apologies: Jim Keogan, Ciaran Kennedy, Geraldine Lavin, Jamie Cudden, Cllr. Noel Rock, Martin Harte, Cllr. Gary Gannon and Evanne Kilmurray.

Officials:

Greg Swift, Head of LEO Dublin City

Mary Mac Sweeney, Senior Executive Officer LEO Dublin City

Eibhlin Curley, Assistant Head of LEO Dublin City

Patrick Quelly, Clerical Officer, LEO Dublin City

Kieran Rose, Senior Planner

1. Chairman Cllr. Paul McAuliffe notified the members that the meeting set for the 26th May would not be held and that a new set of dates would issue. The members requested that the dates would be arranged in keeping with key dates of the development of the Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

2. Draft High Level Economic and Community Goals under the LECP

Chairman circulated a document setting out the merged high level goals for the LECP that were developed following separate engagement processes on the economic and the community goals. He outlined the details of the consultation process that will run for four weeks and asked the members to agree the high level goals. The members asked for a document setting out the timelines for the development of the LCDC. It was suggested that the wording in Goal 6 should be amended in order to improve clarity. The SPC members agreed the High level Goals and a Background Paper focusing on the Economic elements of the LECP.

3. Chairman’s Business

Chairman proposed establishing a working group on tourism and suggested that Denise Brophy would chair this group. He also asked Denise to propose membership of the group. Agreed.

4. Presentation from Coilin O’Reilly on Street Trading

Coilin O’Reilly gave a presentation on the role of the City Council under the Casual Trading Act 1995. A motion was passed by the members ‘That Dublin City Council initiate a policy and strategy for casual trading in the city’. Given the number of other groups involved in street trading, the

Chairperson said that he would speak to Jim Keoghan and Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executives regarding this motion.

5. Vacant Land Survey

Report circulated. The presentation by Kieran Rose was noted and welcomed. Further information was sought in relation to how much of the land designated as vacant is in the ownership of the City Council. It was also requested the Kieran Rose would prepare a paper on Active Land Management setting out the barriers to development, including legal or insurance issues and to make recommendations on ways of overcoming the barriers.

6. Update on Café/Restaurant Working Group

Submissions have been sought and will be discussed at the next Working Group meeting which is scheduled for Monday 11th May. Following this meeting officials will be invited to attend the next meeting of the Working Group to give a presentation on Street Furniture and on Fats Oils and Greases.

7. AOB

Greg Swift updated the members on the LEO Dublin City Enterprise and Economic Development Plan 2015. Plan circulated. It was agreed that a one page briefing would be provided to members setting out the key activity of the LEO in the previous quarter.

It was agreed that the Chair would arrange to meet with the Chair of the Finance SPC to get information regarding the 50% rebate on rates applicable to vacant buildings and will report back to members of SPC.

It was agreed that future meetings of the SPC will be held in the Council Chamber in camera.